

Application No. To Be Assigned
Applicant: Heike LERG et al
This is a division of U.S. Application No. 09/053,342

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The amendments above place the claims in better form to begin the examination. The amendments are not believed to narrow the claim scope or to introduce any new matter.

The addition of "y" to the formula of Claim 4 corrects an obvious error.

New Claim 14 is supported by page 3, lines 9 – 19.

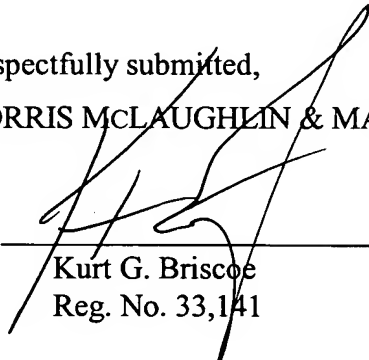
New Claim 15 is also supported by page 3, lines 9 – 19.

Again, Applicants do not believe any new matter is added.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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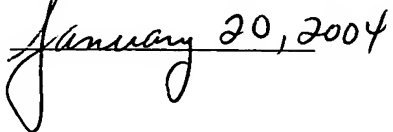

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